N. &W. TO MAKE A BIG PURCHASE

Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Road Likely to Become Part of Virginia Coaler.

There comes a well authenticated report from New York, as well as from Cincinnati and Chicago, that the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company is considering the acquisition of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton. The purpose of the proposed purchase, it is understood, is to give the Norfolk and Western an outlet to the lakes. At the present time it sends its coal over the Hocking Valley, the Cincinnatt, Hamilton and Dayton and the Pennsylvania Railroads. In the event the D., T. & I. is bought, the Norfolk and Western could use its own motive power and rolling stock on the Ohio road. Connection could be secured by the Norfolk and Western at Waverly, on the Columbus division. The acquisifolk and Western Railroad Company Connection could be secured by the Norfolk and Western at Waverly, on the Columbus division. The acquisition of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton would enable the Norfolk and Western to have a longer haul on its lake coal instead of dividing the haul with a number of other roads. This, of course, would mean more revenue for the Norfolk and Western. Should the deal go through, it is understood that General Superintendent George P. Johnson, of the Western general division, with headquarters at Roanoke, will be made president of the road, giving two members of the Johnson family that title, as his father, I. E. Johnson, is president of the Norfolk and Western.

"While the Stanley committee is investigating the question of the amount of iron ore in the South not controlled by the Tennensee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, it would be well to have the testimony of every State geologist in the South, of Professor Porter, of the University of Cincinnati; of Catlett, Eckel and others familiar with the iron ore resources of the South, in order that this section may not be injured by creating throughout the world an impression that the Tennessee company owns anything like a monopoly of Southern ores." So says the Manufacturers' Record in its issue of the current week, and the Record is right.

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As the Record truly argues, the Stanley committee would do the South a
great injustice if it should, without
calling such experts as those named,
permit the impression to be created
that in securing the Tennessee company in the United States Steel Corporation secured a practical monopoly
of Southern ores. Such an impression
would be so wholly erroneous that it
would be from every point of view unjust to this section. The State geologists of the South and other experts,
such as those named, have at different
times presented their views in the
public prints, and the consensus of
opinion of these men, who are
thoroughly familiar with the whole
Southern iron-ore situation, is to the
effect that the Tennessee company
does not at the outside own over 16
to 20 per cent. of available Southern
ores.

"The business needle of the South

ores.

"The business people of the South, and those interested in its welfare, have a right to insist that this phase of the situation shall be given adequate attention. It is incumbent upon the commercial organizations of Chattaneoga, and Birmingham, and Knoxville and other iron centres, as well as the State Geologists and the business people generally, to insist that the generally, to insist that the

by commercial organizations and in-dependent from companies, the South need not be surprised if it be very greatly injured in the world's estimation as to the extent of its iron ore holdings."

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(Continued From First Page.) ple, pear and peach orchards. Many acres of vineyards have been set out. The grapes are made into wine, both for home and commercial uses. The valuable returns. The Italians raise annually quantities of early vegetabler that are consumed locally or shipped

form them from a waste into fertile farms.

Origin of the Settlement.

Father Pietro Bandini, the resident priest and the founder of the colony, traveled through Arkansas in 1896. At this time Italian laborers were being sought for in large numbers to work on the cotton plantations of the Mississippl Delta region. The Italian consul was interested, and decided to investigate the conditions in America, so he sent Father Bandini to investigate. While passing through Arkansas he was struck with the possibilities of the Ozarks as a fruit-growing region, and the idea occurred to him that it might be an ideal locality for Italians.

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om in the South.

the old men, "omen and children managed to live until spring.

Successful Farming Begun.

In the spring the men and boys returned home from the mines and pregarations for farming began in earnest. Land was cleared and gardens, were planted with many varieties of vegetables. The colonists set out a few grape vines and planned large vine-yards, obtaining from their friends in Italy cuttings of the Italian varieties of grapes. Grapes had not been cultivated in the neighborhood until introduced by the Italians. Several varieties of grapes and peaches were also set out, following the plans of the mative farmer. Coming from the vineyard and orchard sections of Italy, fruit cultivated in the neighborhood until introduced by the Italians. Several varieties of apples and peaches were also set out, following the plans of the mative farmer. Coming from the vineyard and orchard sections of Italy, fruit cultivated in the neighborhood until introduced by the Italians. Several varieties of apples and peaches were also set out, following the plans of the mative farmer. These green rapidly, and to them they tied their vines.

At first the colony numbered 250 people, counting the two groups that came first. They had control of 500 people, counting the two groups that came first. They had control of 500 acres of land. Much of the land was considerable work was required to part of the land was considerable work was required to part of the land was covered with bush and trees, and considerable work was required to part of the land was covered with bush and trees, and considerable work was required to part of the land was covered with bush and trees, and considerable work was required to part of the land was covered with bush and trees, and considerable work was required to part of the land was considerable work was required to part of the land was covered with bush and trees, and considerable work was required to part of the land was considerable work was required to part of the land the colony, other than the ploneer set tlers, ten came direct from Europe because they had relatives here, and ave came from Eastern cities. The great majority of families migrated from the sugar plantations of Louisiana or from the cotton plantations along the Mississippi River in Arkansalong the Mississippi River in Arkansalong the Mississippi River in Arkansalong the Mississippi, Within the past few years several families have moved in from other parts of the country. Most of the cheap land has been taken up, but, by going some distance away from the town, land similar to the original purchase may be found, though the price has greatly advanced within the past few years.

Berries and Fruits.

The vines set out each year soon produced large quantities of grapes, most of which, by italian methods, are made into sour wine. Each settler has a small storehouse, built underground, in which he keeps his wine. In this

of the Oracks as a fruit-growing region, and has Idea occurred to him a fact it might be an idea) locality for Italians, and the locality for Bandini bag called on Mr. Corbin, then owner of the Sunnyride plantation, in Arkansas, to talk of the possibilities of replacing the negroes on his plantation with Italian laborers. Mr. Corbi billion of the land of the possibilities of mortality among the Italians, due to mortality among the Italians, due to mainful and the low, damp condition of the land at Sunnyride, caused a great deal of dissatisfaction, and many decided to move away as soon as they were able.

After this partial failure of the colony at Sunnyride, caused as a third party, under the leadout of Father Bendini, determined to try their fortunes in the fruit section of Arkansas.

A stillale site with sufficient avair, able land was found near Springdale, and brought them back with him to make their provision had been made for this second colony, who arrived penniless, and brought them back with him to of poles and logs to protect the wonderfully within the past quarter of a contrary, and the Italians are able to profit by this development. The strawberry industry has grown enor wislon had been made for this second colony, who arrived penniless, all their money having been apent in paying daile. The first fifteen families and brought them back with him to of poles and logs to protect the wonderfully within the past quarter of a century, and the Italians have been with the soft poles and logs to protect the wonderfully within the past quarter of a century, and the Italians are able to effect they were settled forty more vision had been made for this second colony, who arrived penniless, all their money having been apent in paying daile. The first fifteen families and brought them had been made for this second colony, who arrived penniless, all their money having been apent in paying daile. The first fifteen families and brought the many dailed the colon the land. In spite of the colon, the past quarter of a to some extent, and these are of good color and keep well. During the first tew years of fruit farming Tontitown farmers payed little attention to pruning, spraying and fertillzing, but recently there has been a change, and

Property Owned.

The Italians devote some time to their flower gardens, and each of the houses has a flower bed beside the path to the front door. Many varieties of the common flowers are found. At the side of the houses are the vegetable gardens, and extending beyond these are the vineyards and orchards. Seventy families own their land, and all but a few have their property free from debt. The land for which they paid \$\$ to \$15 per acre ten years ago is now worth \$50 to \$75 per acre; highly improved land or that lying near Tontitown is worth \$100 per acre. The increase has been largely due to the influx of immigrants, who have taken the uncleared land, cut down the trees and set out the orchards that are now making the land valuable. The estimated value of the Italian property is \$175,000. Some of the more prosperous farmers have bank accounts, and many have very respectable balances to their credit. They are noted for their shillity to save and their capacity for hard work.

Since coming to this locality the lattice of the larger of the larger was have nearly tripled their

Since coming to this locality the Italians have nearly tripled their original holdings of land. The houses have grown from small one-room log cabins, whose cracks were pastered with mud, to creditable buildings.

SOME TOBACCO FIGURES.

Wonderful Increase in the Output of To-hacco Factories of the Country. According to the report of the Internal Revenue Department, the United States pro-duced in February of this year Cs.20.13 pounds of computatived tabasco in the evenue Department, the United States pro-leved in February of this year 3,213 unds of manufactured tabacco. In the responding month of 1911, the production tounied to 23,47,69 pounds, or an increase 450,971 pounds. During the eight months ding February 25, there were produced, 333,599 pounds of manufactured tobacco, impared with 185,532,479 pounds produced the corresponding months of last year, an increase of 35,595,591 pounds.

or an increase of 25,59,59; pounds. The most remarkable fact brought out by the report is the wonderful increase in the eigaretic output. The output of cigaretics in February, 1912, amounted to 585,505,519 compared with (25,511,452, or a gain of 155,555,557. The eight months of the decal year shows a gain over the same months in the previous year of 550,452,23, As an evidence of the enormous cigaretic consumption, the output for the eight months ending Pebruary 25, amounted to 1,455,57,455.

ruary 28, amounted to 1.65.77,455.
The report shows a great falling off of the cisar output. The decrease in February, 1912, amounted to 28.472,767, and the decrease for the eight months or the fiscal year was 183,049,464.

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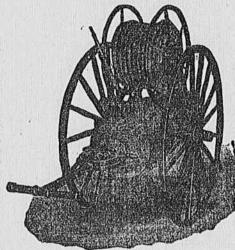
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Something more than money to buy it.

Danving at Home.

The country dance, so much enjoyed by the young people, and by many who have passed the meridian of life, can be given at little actual cost, practically none when one thinks of the great sums spent on bails given by city folks of fashion.

For instance, the writer and his wife attended a leap year dance, given on Monday evening (Easter) at the same little hall that was the scene of the egg-nunt festivities.

on Monday evening (Easter) at the same little hall that was the scene of the egg-hunt festivities.

In keeping with the latter occasion, the ladies gave supper, a grand oid-fashfoned Virginia country supper, good things too numerous to enumerate, and the ladies also paid for the two pieces of music that came from litchmond. The hall was all decorated with country evergreens and spring plossoms, and flowers all raised in the country. For the fun of the thing, the girls chose their partners for quadrille, two-step or waltz, as the case might be, which reversing of the usual custom caused many a gallant beau to step lively, and to show open appreciation at being chosen by some fair one, all the more so, as he knew that it depended this time on his poerits as a dateing man and pleasant companion as to whether he would be a wayyflower or not, in this dance, which was attended by nearly forty people (practically all of whom were neighborhood (olks), we have another

those who spend their lives on the The fish fry and picnic, coming as they do when all nature invites one

ctric plant developing 2,000 horse out of doors, offer delightful opportun ties to recreation and fun, as the writ-er, along with thousands of other readers of The Times-Dispatch, can at-

Young and old allke have some form

Young and old allke have some form of amusement at times, for undoubtedly "all work and no piay will make both Jack and Gill dull."

Social gatherings of the right kind are not only admirable but necessary, and as before stated, there are many forms of innocent and whole-ome amusement in easy reach of the country folks, and it behooves these same folks to foster and encourage such in a reasonable way, bearing in mind that the city offers the young and old alike every kind of amusement that humans desire or care for.

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Canadian Power and Light Co. Okemah, Okla., will construct hydro-ele-